

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 5-7 were each amended to eliminate the multiple dependency of these claims as originally filed. No new matter was added.

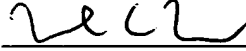
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present Application are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes an interview, either telephonic or in person, will advance the prosecution of this matter, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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